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## Rural Education and Development (READ) Project

### Inspiring Young Minds

# V-kid Scholarship Program (VKSP)

**V-kids** are those children from rural backgrounds who are often denied equal opportunities in their upbringing, study environment, and exposure to the competitive world.

## 1. Introduction

Some of V-kids studying from class 1 to graduation have a risk of dropping their education at any stage, primarily owing to conditions of poverty and insufficient financial support. To continue their education, students must meet expenses beyond school/college fees, tuition, accommodation, books, food, and other costs. Students who have no support from their families or the government to meet such expenses tend to live in stressful conditions that will affect them negatively and may result in either the discontinuity of their studies or poor academic results.

Further, despite support from the government in the form of free schooling, boarding, and scholarships for reserved and economically weaker students, the rate of student dropout is still alarming. It must be addressed at ground level so no child/student is left behind.

PARD INDIA, in its pursuit to help and improve the educational standards of disadvantaged students (**V-kids**) in rural areas, has launched the “**V-kid Scholarship Program (VKSP)**” to address the financial needs of students and to help them continue their studies. The program was pioneered by PARD INDIA founder Mr. Bethala Veera Swami on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

## 2. Salient Features of “V-kid Scholarship Program (VKCP)”

Our “V-kid Scholarship Program” is designed to support deprived students (V-kids) studying from 1st class to graduation level with annual scholarships facilitating them to continue their studies.

### 2.1 Key Objectives

The Program has the following objectives:

- Support the educational needs of students (1st class to graduation level).
- Control potential school dropouts & child labor rehabilitation.
- Preference is given to a student with single or no parents.
- Support continuity of studies leading to employment.



- Encourage students to pursue higher studies.
- Drive students to realize their career dreams.
- Ensure no child is left behind.
- Partner with Colleges & Universities for discounted tuition fees.

## 2.2 Beneficiaries

Students from rural backgrounds with financial difficulties continuing their studies are eligible for this scholarship program.

## 2.3 Ways of identifying the beneficiaries

- The deserving beneficiaries (students) will approach PARD INDIA directly for scholarships as the need arises or against our advertisement.
- Our Teams at the grassroots level identify eligible students through surveys and recommend scholarship programs based on the need identified.
- Our “After School Education Program” is an excellent source for identifying potential dropouts based on their low turnout on daily attendance.

## 2.4 Types of Scholarships Provided by PARD INDIA

PARD INDIA has the following two types of scholarship programs:

- Six (6) years scholarship to the winners under the “**V-kid Knowledge Boost (VKKB) Program**” to support their education during 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> class studies. Also, one-time merit scholarships for the winners of Quiz Programs/Talent Search Tests were conducted for various students covering high school to college studies.
- Annual scholarships under the “**V-kid Scholarship Program (VKSP)**” to support students in continuing their ongoing studies from 1st class to graduation level based on the family's economic conditions.

## 3. Criteria for Awarding VKSP Scholarships

Students applying for scholarships under VKSP have to meet the following criteria:

### 3.1 Who is eligible for this scholarship?

- Students from Indian Nationals are residing in rural or suburban areas.
- Students from 1<sup>st</sup> standard to Graduation are studying in Government institutions.
- Orphans/ single parents/ street children/ child laborers/ economically weaker students.



- Possibly, a minimum of 60% of scoring marks in the last three years of the qualifying examination (applicable in case of only for Class XI and onwards).
- The parents' annual income should be below Rs. 36,000 per year.

### **3.2 Documents to be furnished along with Scholarship Application Form**

- Duly filled in the **“Application Form for Annual V-kid Scholarship”** (to be obtained at the PARD registered Office or [downloaded](#) from the PARD INDIA website).
- Cover letter from parents or respective orphanages/ NGOs/ Trusts/ Schools/ Colleges recommending a student for the scholarship.
- Copy of Marks Sheets for the last successive three (3) years of qualifying examination (only for Class XI and onwards)
- A copy of the income certificate issued by the local revenue authorities.
- Address proof and photograph of the student and their family members.
- Proof of fee/scholarship requirement from the educational institution as applicable.

### **3.3 Selection Process for the Scholarship**

- PARD INDIA invites applications from eligible students before 1<sup>st</sup> August, and the selected students will be awarded scholarships before the end of September of every academic year.
- As a particular case, scholarships will also be granted at any time of the academic year to support school dropouts, child labor, specially-abled students, etc., based on the availability of funds.
- All applications will be screened, and short-listed students must attend personal interviews at the PARD INDIA office. Interviewing in person with students is mandatory and is the basis for selection.

### **3.4 Amount of Scholarship under VKSP**

- Scholarship amount shall not exceed Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per student annually.
- PARD INDIA shall decide the number of the scholarship nominated team after assessing the student's financial background and based on funds availability.
- All scholarships are awarded for one year, but students may reapply each year.

## **4. Impact of the Program**

Since the program's launch in July 2014, PARD INDIA has been providing scholarships to various students in dire need of financial assistance in rural areas to continue their studies within the availability of our financial means and support from the local communities.

### Program Impact from July 2014 to March 2023

Total Students Awarded Scholarships*	Influenced Communities	Presence in Villages	Total LIVES Touched / SMILES Spread
30	65	13	3,900

\* Students who benefitted under VKSP annual scholarships are doing well in their lives; access information about some beneficiaries on our website - "Stories of Hope."

## 5. Seeking Partnering Opportunities

PARD INDIA has created an opportunity for like-minded social organizations, CSR, foundations, or funding agencies to support the program, scaling up its implementation and widening the service base, helping needy students with scholarships to continue their academic studies and thereby gifting life to them.

## 6. Your Support Makes a Big Difference!



- ✓ Donate to "**V-kid Educational Fund**"
- ✓ Sponsor a child under the "**V-kid Knowledge Boost (VKKB) Program.**"
- ✓ Support a student under the "**V-kid Scholarship Program (VKSP).**"
- ✓ Download the "**Application Form for Annual V-kid Scholarship.**"

## Unlocking the POWER of Education

"Volunteer your energy, talent, and resources to bring inspiration and hope to our aspiring leaders (V-kids) at the grassroots."

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